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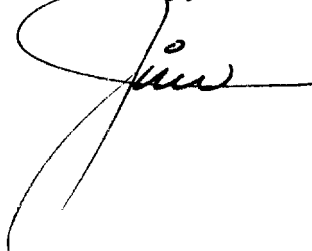
Dear Dick:

Thank you for your note of 21 August regarding a release date of 1 November for me. I want to express my personal appreciation to you for your interest in me personally and to let you know that our professional and personal relationship has been and is most satisfying, and one, I am reluctant to relinquish despite my expressed position in my letter of 11 August.

I immediately informed General Funk of the fact that you would make every effort to free me in time for the assignment on his staff. Also I indicated that this release date was conditional on a negative requirement for really important services that could still be required of me in connection with my present work. I further indicated you would let me know definitely regarding my availability on or about 1 September, that date being some 10 days from the date of your letter and in line with the return of Jack from leave.

I'm hoping we can give General Funk a firm answer soon. For if I should not be available by 1 November he can start action to secure another Officer for the proffered position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. S. ...' with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.